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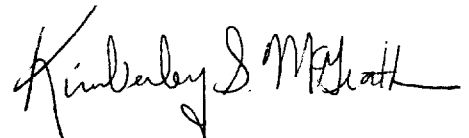
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To Whom It May Concern:

You need to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. The conditions under which these animals are transported and eventually die are unconscionable! I have been a vegetarian for fifteen years because of the some times brutal practices inherent in the food animal industry. While there have been a few improvements, the practice of pushing downed animals with tractors or dragging them with chains is still commonplace. How can such an undeniably inhumane practice continue to exist? You have the ability to stop this. Please do so by granting petition 98P-0151/CP1. If not for the poor creatures that suffer such abuse and then die for our consumption, then do so to prevent these sick and injured animals from entering the human food chain.

Although the handling of downed animals in a brutal and abusive manner is the status quo, it does not mean that it's right. A proactive approach to reducing and preventing the illnesses and injuries incurred during transport is the proper answer. Industry experts have estimated that 90% of all downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Make the animal food industry accountable to the lives they are responsible for!

Sincerely,



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